

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline

Message Number 4,

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

For the period of August 28th – September 3rd all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except as follow:

Area 7B and 7C Bellingham Bay and Samish Bay will be open to gill nets using 7-inch minimum mesh size during the following dates and times:

- 7 PM Sunday, August 28th to 8 AM Monday, August 29th.
- 7 PM Tuesday, August 30th to 8 AM Wednesday, August 31st.
- 7 PM Wednesday, August 31st to 8 AM Thursday, September 1st.

Area 7B and 7C Bellingham Bay and Samish Bay will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 6 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, August 31st. Brailing and recovery box are required and all coho must be released.

Area 8 Skagit Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum 5 ½ inch maximum mesh size, 60 meshes deep, during the following dates and times:

- 5:30 AM to 10:30 PM Monday, August 29th.
- 5:30 AM to 10:30 PM Wednesday, August 31st.

Area 8 Skagit Bay will be open to purse seines during the following dates and times:

- 6 AM to 8 PM Tuesday, August 30th.
- 6 AM to 8 PM Thursday, September 1st.
- Release Chinook, coho, sockeye and chum.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner, waters north of line from Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock only, will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum 5 ½ inch maximum mesh size from 5:30 AM to 10:30 PM on Wednesday, August 31st.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner, waters north of line from Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock only, will be open to purse seines from 6 AM to 8 PM on Monday, August 29th. Release Chinook, chum, sockeye and coho.

Area 9A Port Gamble Bay will be open to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 29th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 10 Seattle will be open for purse seines on Tuesday, August 30th from 6 AM to 8 PM for the following vessels: SOUND STAR, HARBOR GEM, NEW OREGON, and TRADITION. Release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and coho.

Brailing or rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operational at all times. A Department observer is required on board to participate.

Area 12A Quilcene Bay will be open to beach seines not to exceed 600 feet in length or 100 meshes in depth, from 7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday, August 29th through Friday, September 2nd. Release all Chinook and chum.

If you suspect an error in this message, or if you have questions please contact Steve Thiesfeld at (360) 902-2715. Thank you for calling the WDFW hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.

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